

## Cramer Safe Found in House

Discovered in Vacant Structure on Savannah-Montezuma Highway

## Open and Empty

Cramer Says Little Money and One Paper in Safe When It Disappeared

The safe in the Cramer meat market in Red Creek that disappeared mysteriously in the dark of the night a few weeks ago has been found in an old vacant farm house a short distance back from the main road leading from Savannah to Montezuma. It was empty.

Mr. Cramer, who has been notified of the discovery by the state police at Auburn, says that the amount of money in the safe at the time of the theft was inconsequential, this in contradiction to a report that there was a large sum in the safe when it was carted away. It was known that some time ago Cramer was in the habit of carrying considerable sums in the safe.

Cramer was ill at his cottage at Fair Haven at the time of the robbery and his apartment in the rear of his market was vacant when the robbery occurred. He says that during his absence it was the custom of his employees to take the money from the safe at the end of the day and put it in a place where any "visitors" would not be likely to find it. This, he says, is what was done the evening before the robbery occurred. That there was only a small sum of change and one legal paper in the safe when the robbers made what they thought was going to be a good haul.

The safe was discovered late last week when a man went to the farm house to make some repairs and he reported his find to the state police who in turn notified Cramer. The safe, according to Cramer, was not locked when it was stolen. He says the combination had not been set when the door was closed the evening before the theft and that all one would have had to do to open it was to take hold of the handle and pull the door open.

Mr. Cramer says the police have a good clue as to who the culprits are. Finger prints either have already been taken or will be taken and this may lead to an arrest soon.

## Victory Man Takes English Bride

Miss Joan Grice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Grice of Widnes, England, became the bride of Harold Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reynolds of Victory, at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Reynolds home. Rev. Joseph Lewin of Victory read the service.

Miss Jean Oliver and Kenneth Reynolds, brother of the groom, attended the couple.

Miss Grice has been making her home with the Reynolds family since her arrival in this country in November. The couple met while Sergeant Reynolds was on duty with the American Air Corps. He was discharged in March, 1946. They plan to make their home with their parents until spring. Reynolds works for Joseph Cashier in Syracuse at present.

## New Owner Takes Possession Feb. 1

Homer B. Smith, new owner of the Wheeler block, will take possession Feb. 1. He will continue the automobile and household accessories business established by Wheeler Bros. He will have the agency for the Chevrolet automobile as well, and plans to service them. He will also operate the gas pump in front of the block.

Wheeler Bros. have a new gasoline and oil truck which they plan to put on the road. They are distributors of the Sinclair products and have one truck on the road at present. Their new office will be on the basement floor with an entrance in North St. of the same block.

## Diphtheria Case In Cato Village

Dr. Harold G. Muller states that there is a case of diphtheria in Cato. The person ill is an adult. Dr. Muller urges that all people who have not yet done so have the shots, and those who have not had shots within the past year

## 'Chucks, Snakes, Frogs Lured Into the Open by This Springlike Weather

Don't Get Careless. Keep Overcoat and Rubbers Handy; Weatherman May Be Just Kidding

The weatherman has been banding out all kinds of weather during the past week, just by way of variety. Tuesday, a week ago, along came one of the worst blizzards of the season. It took several days for the weather to clear. Then Saturday it happened—sunshine. The state was bathed in it. Sunday Mother Earth got a good sound soaking just to clean up the jee that had been a bugbear to motorists and pedestrians for days.

Then came Monday just to show people what April in January could be like. Even the birds sang from the treetops. Woodchucks were seen venturing from their winter quarters. The lowly earthworms came up to see what it was all about. Honeybees swarmed in places and were seen flying in the sunshine. Snakes and frogs were out according to good authorities. Caterpillars uncurled and crawled on sidewalks and, if one is to believe an old saying, the worst of the winter is behind us.

The dark portion of the caterpillar is largest at the front with only a small portion of dark marking on the rear. This, according to the older weather sharps, indicates the worst of the winter early and only a reminder during the latter part.

However, those of us who have lived in this climate a few years know that we still have February and March with which to reckon, and they can be tough. Some withhold their opinions until next Sunday when the groundhog makes up his mind.

Anyhow the break in winter during the past few days has been wonderful. It has given a brief respite from the constant cold and ice and it has implanted the idea that spring is on its way.

## FEW ATTEND LIBRARY MEET

Mrs. Adams Made Honorary Board Member

The annual meeting of the Cato Free Library association was held in the library Saturday at 8 p. m. Only three directors, the librarian and two others were present.

President George O. Pritting presided. Mrs. F. C. Adams' term expired this year. She was made an honorary member of the Board of Directors and Miss Louise Taber was voted in as an active member. Mrs. George Cooper was re-elected as board member. Mrs. Florence Streeter was again named librarian. She has served in this capacity a long time and has done a great deal of work for this cause.

Mrs. Streeter's report showed that the circulation now is: Adult, 2,246; juvenile, 867; non-fiction, 341, making a total of 3,454 books taken out the past year. There are 20 new subscribers. Fines taken in amounted to \$24.52 and contributions \$37.90.

Many people continue to offer gifts to the library without being solicited and this is appreciated. If anyone cares to make a gift it may be given to either Mrs. Streeter in the library or to F. H. Spurr who is secretary-treasurer.

A meeting of directors and librarian will be held for the election of officers Friday evening, Feb. 7, at 7 p. m. in the Frank Casey Agency office.

## Stork Shower For Mrs. Muller

Mrs. Lyman Matteson and Mrs. M. C. Arnold entertained at a stork shower at the Matteson home Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Harold G. Muller. Games were enjoyed at which Mrs. Kenneth Burdick, Mrs. David Campbell, Mrs. Charles Pooler and Mrs. Paul Wilkes won prizes. The color scheme was pink, blue and white and was carried out in rooms, table and refreshment decorations. Mrs. Muller's gifts were presented in a baby bassinette which was decorated in pink and blue. Dainty refreshments were served at card tables with clever favors at each place.

Invited were Mrs. Paul Wilkes, Mrs. Islet of Memphis, Mrs. Steinitz and Mrs. Klaus Muller of Fulton, Mrs. David Campbell, Mrs. John Burdington, Mrs. Geneva Sine, Mrs. Kenneth Burdick, Mrs. Rexford Burton, Mrs. Glenn Havens, Mrs. M. T. Mount, Mrs. Donald O'Neill, Mrs. A. L. Pittenger, Mrs. Howard Pittenger, Mrs. Glenn Vaughn, Mrs. Charles Pooler, Mrs. G. C. Gurnea, Mrs. Glenn Wright, Mrs. M. A. Mott, Mrs. Leon Taylor, Mrs. Lester Pope, Mrs. T. J. Collins, Mrs. Robert Hardy, Mrs. Greta Sowarby of Syracuse, Mrs. Ernest Bradley.

## No P.-T.A. Meeting During January

The Cato-Meridian Parent-Teacher meeting, which was called off last week on account of weather, will not be held this month due to the difficulty of scheduling another date. However, the committee announces that the same program will be used at the April meeting. At the February meeting Paul Eno will have charge of a Boy Scout program assisted by Ralph Ketchum, Cub master, and David Campbell, senior Scout.

## Cato Boy, 10, Is Honored by Scouts

Leland Rhoades Given Award at Banquet—Hanley Speaker

In a colorful setting featuring Scouting in its various phases, a company of enthusiastic men and women that filled to capacity the assembly hall of Masonic Temple attended on Friday evening the 26th annual banquet of the Cayuga County Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America of which Red Creek troop is a member.

There were presentation of awards that meant much to the recipients.

Frederick E. Worden, president of the National Bank of Auburn, introduced Lieutenant Governor Hanley. High points in the career of the lieutenant governor, a personal friend of the Auburn banker, were sketched by Mr. Worden.

As his topic, Lieutenant Governor Hanley took "Citizens of tomorrow." "The Boy Scout organization needs no apology from anyone. It has fully established its right to nationwide recognition and support."

"The citizen of tomorrow," the guest of honor declared, "must be thoroughly informed on past and current events, physically fit, have spiritual poise."

"I am more afraid of the tyranny of the mob than of the power of a dictator," Governor Hanley declared in referring to the importance of a well informed electorate, fully exercising the right of the ballot.

The local council's Life-Saving award was made to a young Cub, Leland Rhoades, Pack 10, Cato and the presentation of a bronze medal was made by O. J. Williams, Scoutmaster of Troop 8, St. John's Episcopal church. He cited the heroism of this boy, who without regard for his life, rushed into the path of an automobile grasping a small child, and rolling out of the path of the on-coming vehicle into a ditch. Sufficient proof was given to warrant the award, as it was agreed by witnesses that it was impossible for the child to avoid being hurt or probably killed if the Cub had not thought quickly of his own life. The Cubmaster, Mr. Ketchum was congratulated for having such a fine Cub in his Pack, as were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades of Jordan.

Troop 57 and John Hall were awarded a plaque for eight or more boy weeks at Camp Rotary.

The Silver Star was awarded to Sea Scout Ship 95, Cato, David Campbell.

Explorer Post 93, Port Byron, John M. Davis; Troop 57, Red Creek, John Hall; Troop 56, Port Byron, DeWayne Black; Troop 50, Cato, Paul Eno; Pack 10, Cato, R. D. Ketchum; Pack 8, Red Creek, Meridian Standbrook.

Among those who attended from Cato were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhoades, Leland and Christie, Rev. George N. Gates, George Pritting, Ralph Ketchum, Paul Eno, Andrew Letham, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardy.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Becker and Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Sharpe of Red Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Becker served on the reception committee.

## Leg Is Broken In Fall on Ice

Mrs. Silas Wright had the misfortune to break two bones in her left leg below the knee Monday at her home just off Town Line road, east of Red Creek.

Mrs. Wright went outside her home to wash a window when she slipped on the ice and fell. Luckily her husband was at the house when the accident happened and he managed to get her inside the house and make her comfortable until he could summon aid.

Dr. Kurt Vollman was called and he recommended that she be removed to Wolcott Clinic. Dr. Peace took X-rays of the leg and later placed it in a cast. She was returned to her home Wednesday night.

## Foster at Head Of Training Center

Sherman Foster, son of Mrs. Hazel Foster of Auburn, formerly of Red Creek, has been appointed supervising training officer and is now in charge of the Syracuse Veterans' Administration Training Center.

## THREE BRIDES-TO-BE



ALICE MARIE DUGER

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duger of Plainville announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Marie, to Claude Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Cunningham of Ira.

Miss Duger is a 1946 graduate of Baldwinsville academy. She is now employed at Town's Market in Meridian.

Mr. Cunningham spent two years in the Pacific war theatre and is now employed at the Jardine bronze foundry at Baldwinsville.

No date has been set for the wedding.



EVELYN L. O'BRYAN

Mr. and Mrs. Uri O'Bryan of West Fair Haven announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn L. O'Bryan of Rochester, to Gena A. Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gena V. Warner of Ridge Road, Spencerport.

Miss O'Bryan graduated from Fair Haven High school, class of 1942. Mr. Warner graduated from Spencerport High school, class of 1941, and served three years as a pilot in the United States Air Force. Both young people are employed at Eastman Kodak company in Rochester. No date has been set for the wedding.

## DIMES PARADE IN LAST WEEK

If You Haven't Given Do It Now

The last week of the March of Dimes is now underway and the big question before every American citizen is this: "Have You Done Your Bit?" Very few people in these United States have missed seeing the devastating work of infantile paralysis, each year either causing the death or severely crippling some child in the community, some acquaintance, maybe the lad next door who was a Sunday caller to read your funny papers, perhaps he was the victim or perhaps it was your own. Did you ever wonder what you would do if this dread disease came like a thief in the night and laid hold of one or perhaps two of your children? Would you have the cash to fight back?

Perhaps you would, but there are thousands who do not have it and it is for these principally that the March of Dimes was investigated. However, the gift is not only for the needy. Some of it goes for research, and that, too, is necessary for today so much remains to be discovered in the method of combating this disease. Good American dollars will win the fight, so won't you add yours? No sum is so small, but if you are able, to place a green colored bill in one of those handy receptacles in all public places you are doing something for humanity. Do it today.

## Charleen Taylor Heads Girls' Group

The Girl's Society of Christian Service will hold its next meeting Friday, Feb. 21, at the home of their leader, Mrs. Merle Parsons.

Election of officers took place at the last meeting and the new officers are as follows: Miss Charleen Taylor, president; Miss Janet Houghton, vice-president; Miss Alma Jane Mack, secretary-treasurer. The new president appointed Miss Donna Faye Gregg as sunshine chairman and Miss Dianne Quimby corresponding secretary.

At this meeting the year's study began, first taking up the work of the W. S. C. S. and the G. S. C. S. Mrs. Parsons, the leader, gave her young listeners an introduction to India by way of study.

## Miss LaPeer Bride Of Gerald Horton

Miss Rosetta LaPeer of Michigan became the bride of Gerald Horton of Marville Friday, Jan. 24, in Wolcott. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Chester Zogg, pastor of Wolcott Methodist church. There were no attendants.

The bride wore a black and fuchsia suit with a white teddy bear coat with black accessories. Her corsage was of American Beauty roses.

The bride is an employee of the Comstock canning corporation, and is a sister of Mrs. Kenneth Webster. The couple will make their home for the present with the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horton, at Marville.



ARLENE PARSONS

Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons of Fair Haven announce the engagement of their daughter Arlene to Bert McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre of Fair Haven-Sterling road. They both are attending Red Creek Central school.

## Conference Plans Next Program

Friday afternoon the Board of Directors of 15 members of the Ontario Bible Conference met in the First Presbyterian church in Auburn and later joined the promotion committee of 24 members to discuss the 1947 services which will open July 27 at Lake View, the conference's newly acquired property on Lake Ontario near Oswego. The meeting was the annual midyear rally of the conference. Dinner was served to 200 delegates at 6:15 in the assembly room, which was followed by a speaker, Dr. H. S. Mekeel, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Amos Phipps, conference vice-president, was song leader.

## Show Print Moves Into New Home

The Cato Show Printing company moved 40 tons of machinery in four days this week. But's tree moving truck and Titus' catapillar tractor powered the job. Heavy presses were moved from the original building, which is owned by Taber Motor company, Inc., to the new section on the rear of the building which used to be the Dutton foundry. Company offices are in the front of the building with the art department between the two. The new pressrooms are well lighted with steel framed windows, and working conditions are excellent.

## Variety Shower For Miss Kitts

Mrs. John J. Clifford, assisted by Mrs. Frederick H. Groot, entertained at her home in Meridian Tuesday evening at a variety shower in honor of Miss Marie Kitts whose marriage to Earl Stanley of Meridian will take place this week. Guests present were Mrs. Clarence Tabor of Cato, Mrs. Gail Ball of Auburn, Mrs. H. W. Hunt, Mrs. Albert Hunt, Mrs. James Bloomfield, Mrs. Roy Elburn, Mrs. Willis Streeter, Miss Alice Duger, Mrs. Leon Bliss, Mrs.

## Teachers Set for Salary Battle

C-M to Send Delegates to Auburn Meeting Sunday, Feb. 9

\$2,400 Minimum

Demand Legislature Enact Permanent Law at Present Session

Teachers of the Cato-Meridian Central school will attend a meeting of all Cayuga county school teachers to be held in the auditorium of West High school at Auburn Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, at 3 o'clock. F. Kermit Merrick, Gordon Sturges and Harriett Hudson have been elected by the C-M teachers' association to represent their interests in county, zone and state teachers' associations to further permanent and constructive educational state aid legislation.

Due to the inability of obtaining Dr. Arvid Burke, Director of Research, New York State Teachers' Association, as speaker for Feb. 2, the meeting of the Auburn and Cayuga county teachers was postponed until Sunday, Feb. 9.

Dr. Burke will speak on problems of taxation in the state and how the localities will be affected by increased state aid and increases in teachers' salaries. A panel discussion will follow Dr. Burke's speech and questions will be asked to clarify local situations.

All teachers of Auburn and Cayuga county are urged to attend this meeting as well as interested taxpayers and citizens.

## Red Creek Group Girds for Battle

At a meeting of the faculty of the Red Creek Central school in the library of the Red Creek school last Friday afternoon the teachers were organized to carry on in this school district "the crusade" that is being waged all over New York state by the New York State Teachers' association under the state leadership of Dr. Arvie Eldred, executive secretary of the State association, and Miss Mary Sheehan, president of the state organization.

Friday's meeting was the culmination of many held recently to organize the teachers on a statewide basis. A meeting of the Central Western Zone was held in Rochester the Monday previous and was attended by Mrs. Edna Crane, Red Creek delegate to the House of Delegates, and a follow-up meeting was held in Newark on the next day to advise county representatives of the plan. This meeting was attended by Mrs. Crane and Miss Eileen Garnett, the latter chairman of the local faculty group.

The teachers are not satisfied with the temporary legislation as passed last week by the State Legislature and are continuing their efforts with renewed vigor to attain the permanent legislation which they asked for earlier in the year. This permanent legislation would be a law setting the state minimum for all teachers at \$2,400 per year with eight annual increments of \$150 each to reach a maximum of \$3,600. The emergency legislation passed last week will mean to each teacher of the state, when all deductions have been made, no more than \$4.75 a week more in their pay checks.

The goal of this crusade, as it is called by the teachers, is "a teacher's minimum salary of at least \$2,400 to \$3,600, adequately financed by state aid for education, to assure a qualified teacher for every child in New York state, such legislation to be passed at the 1947 legislature to become effective July 1, 1947. Emergency state aid for salaries shall be limited to the present school year ending June 30, 1947."

The members of the House of Delegates, the governing body of the State Teachers' association, have received their alerting notices and stand in readiness to meet in a special session if such be deemed necessary by the state officials. This will be the first time in the 102-year history of the organization that any such action has ever been taken.

The local legislative committee consists of Miss Garnett, chairman, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Gertrude Kallogg, Maynard Ballinger, Miss Barbara Gokney and the president of the local faculty organization, Miss Helena Growney. Various members of the faculty have been selected to contact local organizations and to explain to them just what the teachers are asking. At the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher organization held